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SUBJ: JOINT ARAB AIR SERVICE TO U.S.

REF: A) AMMAN 5482, B) STATE 156146

1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED ARAB INTEREST IN EXPANDED AIR SERVICE TO US WITH ALI GHANDOUR, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF ALIA AND PRESIDENT OF ARAB AIR CARRIERS ORGANIZATION. AS REPORTED REF A), GHANDOUR INTENDS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOLLOWING IATA MEETING IN MONTREAL. GHANDOUR, AS MENTIONED IN REF B) IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HAKIM (REPRESENTING SAUDIA),SALAM (REPRESENTING MEA), UNCLASSIFIED

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AND DAJANI (GULF AIR). GHANDOUR WILL BE ACTING IN CAPACITY OF PRESIDENT OF ARAB AIR CARRIERS ORGANIZATION, RATHER THAN AS ALIA PRESIDENT PER SE. APPARENTLY KUWAIT AIR WILL NOT HAVE OWN REPRESENTATIVE (REF B)) IN GROUP.

2. GHANDOUR AND GROUP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF AVIATION ON JULY 5. HE SUGGESTS

11:00. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THIS APPOINTMENT AND ADVISE NAMES AND TITLES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND MEETING. EMBASSY WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION TO GHANDOUR.

- 3. ON EITHER JULY 5 OR 6, GHANDOUR AND ASSOCIATES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH CAB OFFICIALS KANN AND MIDDLE EAST DESK OFFICER, MURPHY. IF APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED, EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO GHANDOUR.
- 4. AS REPORTED REF A), GHANDOUR AND ASSOCIATES DESIRE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THEIR INTEREST IN EXPANDED JOINT ARAB AIR SERVICE TO US. SUDDARTH

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